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Convenor's Message

20 – 24th April 2023

To those of you who are coming along to the 63rd National in Adelaide – welcome! It promises to be a wonderful five days of dancing, friendships, and boundless fun! If you haven't been able to make it, we will miss you and do keep an eye on social media for what I'm sure will be regular postings of the Convention as it happens.

Thanks to the committee of the 62nd National in Goulburn last year, National Conventions are truly back up and running. It is our pleasure to carry that mantle on into 2023 and bring you an experience to remember. The committee of this 63rd have been busy with preparations to ensure not only are dance programs and meeting schedules all planned and venues ready, but that we also engender a happy atmosphere of 50s Rock'n'Roll. What a joyous theme to play with. Aside from the decorations, opening ceremony, dressed sets and music, the pinnacle will come on the Monday theme night. Be sure and pack some 50s outfits – no matter how flamboyant or how subtle – enter into the spirit.

All our regular programs are there – Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Rounds, Clogging and some workshops. In addition, this year we have introduced an "Introduction to Line Dancing" session on the Sunday after the Dancer Interest Meeting. A great chance to try it if you haven't already, or a chance to strut if you have.

This is the first National to embrace mobile technology and release an app. If you haven't done so, take a moment to download it – it's free! Search for "63rd ANSDC" in the App/Play stores. So much information will be in your pocket through the Convention and any program changes will be updated straight away.

The afternoon sessions have a smart casual dress code, so we hope this makes getting out and about during the day easier. Adelaide opens its arms to visitors and has a lot to see in and around the city. Do take advantage of your stay and visit our wineries, beaches, hills towns, great cafes and multi-cultural restaurants. If you need some pointers, check the interactive map on our website (adelaide2023.com), or come and have a word to one of our friendly committee.

Hope to see you rocking on the dance floor! Thanks for your support.

Graham Elliott (Convenor) and the 63rd National Convention Committee.



National Convention Square Dance Dress Code

Standard of dress and general appearance will always determine the privilege of dancers to enter and participate in the dance function (National Convention) and shall be consistent with the dignity of the event. It is the Dancer's responsibility to comply with these regulations for themselves and their fellow dancers.

Full Square Dance Attire should be worn at all Evening Dance Sessions with the only exception being Special Programmed Dance Sessions or environmental conditions. Morning and Afternoon Sessions are at the discretion of the Convention Committee. If a person's dress is considered inappropriate, the committee may discuss this with the person concerned.

47.01 FULL SQUARE DANCE ATTIRE FOR MEN SHALL BE INTERPRETED AS FOLLOWS: -

47.011 SHIRTS – Shirts must be neat and tidy, have a collar, buttoned, long sleeve shirt, and tucked in complete with bolo tie, cravat or similar.

47.012 TROUSERS – Tailored trousers, slacks, or non-faded jeans/chinos shall be neat and tidy, Slashed, ripped or frayed clothing is not appropriate.

47.013 SHORTS - Dress shorts are permitted only in conjunction with long roll top socks.

47.014 FOOTWEAR - Clean shoes, dancing pumps or dress boots shall be worn and shall be of a type that will not mark or damage the floor.

47.015 HAT ETIQUETTE - The wearing of a hat is permitted when part of a demonstration or whilst on stage only. Hats must be of western style unless specific to a themed performance. Venue restrictions take precedence over this point.

47.02 RELAXED SQUARE DANCE ATTIRE FOR MEN SHALL BE INTERPRETED AS FOLLOWS: -

47.021 SHIRTS - Shirts must have a collar and be neat, tidy, and tucked in. Must be Square Dance appropriate and NOT surf brands, T-Shirts, sleeveless shirts, singlets, football, and other sporting shirts, fluoro work shirts, shirts with large advertising/ printing are unacceptable.

47.022 TROUSERS – Tailored trousers, slacks, or non-faded jeans/chinos shall be neat and tidy. Overalls and work wear, track pants are unacceptable.

47.023 SHORTS – Tailored shorts, drawstring shorts must be neat and tidy. Football shorts, sports shorts, board shorts, cut-off jeans are unacceptable.

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{47.024}}$ $\ensuremath{\textbf{SOCKS}}$ – Walk socks or sport socks permitted with shorts. Football socks or work socks are unacceptable.

47.025 FOOTWEAR – Walk shoes, sport shoes or regular dance pumps permitted. Work boots, sandals, thongs, spiked shoes, desert boots and bare feet are unacceptable.

47.026 HAT ETIQUETTE - The wearing of a hat is permitted when part of a

demonstration or whilst on stage only. Hats must be of Western Style unless specific to a themed performance. Venue restrictions take precedence over this point.

47.03 FULL SQUARE DANCE ATTIRE FOR LADIES SHALL BE INTERPRETED AS FOLLOWS:

47.031 DRESS/SKIRTS - the wearing of a full-type Square Dance dress or skirt and blouse. Full backless-type, bare back or bare midriff dresses or blouses are not acceptable. Prairie style skirts are an acceptable alternative at all sessions.

47.032 PETTICOATS - American style petticoat with suitable discreet underwear. Remember, you may not see what you have on (or do not have on) under your petticoat, but the spectators and dancers sitting on the sidelines will be very knowledgeable about your underpinnings, or lack of them.

47.033 SHOES - Clean, low-heeled, or flat-heeled shoes or jiffies of a type that will not mark or damage the floor shall be worn. Spike or small type heels are banned (heels must be a minimum 25 mm long in all dimensions in contact with the floor surface).

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47.043 SHIRTS - Shirts or blouses must be modest and be tucked in unless fitted or intended to be worn outside the trousers/shorts. Tank tops, T-shirts or sun tops are not acceptable.

47.044 BOTTOMS - Acceptable options include Skirts, Shorts, Tailored Slacks, Culottes. Brief skirts and shorts are not acceptable.

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The Australian National Square Dance Convention Board (ANSDCB) consists of convenors of past, current and future Nationals and meets at every National Convention. Seven out of the twenty-four members were not able to attend the meeting in Goulburn and since then, two members have resigned. Our Board currently has nineteen members. We conduct much of our business between meetings to allow all Board Members to have input in all discussions and decisions.

A formal bid has been received for Tasmania to host the 66th National in 2026. If any other bids for 2026 are received, a decision will be made and announced during the Adelaide convention.

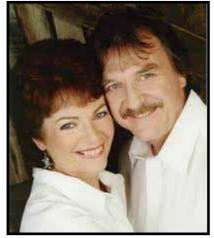
Letters have been sent to all State Societies explaining the purposes of the ANSDCB and inviting expressions of interest for future National Conventions. An "intention to bid list" assists states in their future planning as it takes over three years to plan the bid and organise a convention. Some states have special reasons for wanting to host a National in a particular year.

We wish the Committee of the 63rd National all the best for what is expected to be a very successful event. This will be the first time we have been able to meet nationally, without restrictions, since 2019 and I'm sure everyone is eager to dance and mix together again. Travel safely to and from Adelaide and I look forward to catching up once again.

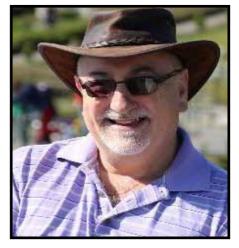
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Chairman of the Board Nev McLachlan

Treasurer Bev McLachlan



Vice-Chairman of the Board Howard Cockburn





Hi everyone

How wonderful it is to be at another National Convention. In the past we have probably taken National Conventions for granted, however, after the events of Covid, it is exciting for dancers and callers from every state and the ACT to be together once again. Let's not take Nationals for granted again.

Plans are well underway for the 2025 ACF Caller Conference, Steve and his team have booked the venue & presenters and are now in the process of promoting the event. Although a final price is yet to be confirmed, the Committee will be working hard to keep the price as low as possible to make it affordable for all callers.

At this Convention the ACF will acknowledge a number of callers who have been calling for greater than 25 years at their club. These callers will receive a 'Silver Microphone Award'. I will not name them in this report, Idon't want to spoil the surprise. I would like to congratulate and commend them all for their dedication to the activity that we all love. It is prudent to mention that dancers can choose when they attend a dance, however, the caller (and their partner) must be there each club night. So, like National Conventions, let's not take them for granted.

After agreeing to continue in the role of Chairman until the Adelaide Convention I will not be making myself available for the role after the National Convention. I would like to thank all the Board members for their support and input during my term as Chairman. I wish the incoming Chairman all the best in the role & look forward to working together in taking the ACF forward through in the coming years.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Steve Turner on his OAM award on Australia Day. This is a great tribute to Steve's dedication, work, and longevity in the square world. Thank you, Steve.

> Howard Cockburn ACF Chairman





Australian Round Dance Association





This year has seen the association progress its SOP Manual and start to consider the changes that will be required for the Constitution and By-Laws for all three documents to function as a unit; the aim being to reduce and eliminate duplication of the association's paperwork and policies.

The ARDA conference continues each year immediately preceding the National Convention and sees more dancers attending. This conference provides education and support for cuers and dancers in a relaxed environment with both lecture and teaching sessions and evening dances as part of the conference.

It is pleasing to see all states nominating dances for both the Showcase and Intermediate sessions, with the Showcase dances being square dancer rounds. Currently, all Showcase rounds go onto the National Convention Dance List which provides the bulk of the round dances programmed during square dance sessions at the National Convention. The Experimental section of the National Dance List has been renamed to Intermediate in the hope that square dancers will understand they are aimed at a lower level to encourage more dancers to learn and dance them. Any teach session run by ARDA, is usually as an "Intro to ..." is also there to encourage square dancers to try rhythms other than Waltz and Two Step.

Chris Heyworth President

National Convention Square Dance Dress Code

47.05 ALL DELEGATES

All Delegates shall at all times wear their Convention Ribbon, and Name Badge of some form.

47.06 DANCERS WHO REGULARLY DANCE IN THE LEFT/RIGHT-HAND DANCER POSITION

Ladies dancing in the left-hand position (usually referred to as the man's position) should be welcomed without discrimination. Such ladies may adopt either the ladies attire with the addition of a coloured material sash or, if they exclusively dance in the left-hand position, the attire set out in the dress regulations for Men and those who regularly dance in the right-hand dancer position are to follow the dress regulations for Ladies.

As at Feb 2022



Over the past year the National Square Dance Society of Australia Inc have been doing a lot of background work tidying up our constitutions and by-laws. We still have some more sorting to do but things are slowly getting in place.

Our web master, Kevin Thomas, has been busy updating the Square Dance Australia website at https://squaredance.au/. This site has lots of resources and information about square dancing. If you have some ideas to improve the site please let us know.

The 1800 numbers continues to have about fifty-seven calls each year. This number is answered by a real person, Pauline, not a chat bot, if are using the number in a flyer please let Pauline know or one of the committee.

The Australian Square Dance Review currently has 609 subscribers from the website. The magazine is produced quarterly. There is NO charge for advertising in the magazine. It is produced quarterly in an effort to keep square dancers up to date with what is happening in Australia.

Roslyn Burrett was inducted to the Honour Roll in 2019 and should have received her certificate at the 61st ANSDC but, as we are all aware the Covid pandemic struck and it has taken till the end of 2022 for Roslyn to actually receive the award. This year we have a few more worthy nominees to be inducted to the Honour Roll, however, you will have to wait till Adelaide to find out who they are. We can't spoil the surprise! The criteria for the Honour Roll has changed slightly with a greater focus on outstanding contribution at a state and national level rather than at club level.

The NSDSA would like to acknowledge and congratulate the longevity (greater than 50 years) of square dance groups around Australia. Since the last Convention Whitehorse Square Dance Club (Victoria) celebrated seventy years, Wild Frontier Square Dance Club (SA)celebrated its fiftieth year, White Gum Valley (WA) will celebrate its sixtieth year in May, Riverside Square Dance Club (WA) will celebrate its 53rd year in October and Happy Wanderers (WA) will celebrate its fiftieth year in July. The longest running club In Australia Launceston Squares (TAS) will celebrate its sixtieth year in operation. Meanwhile in NSW Newport Ocean Waves will celebrate its sixtieth year this year and B Bar H will celebrate its 56th year running with that name. The NSDSA are planning to have state delegates attend the club celebration and present a congratulatory certificate to the club on reaching their 50th year and 60th year.

Rosalind Todd President

Australian Clogging Association

Well after the last couple of years making a mess of everything around the world, we are now working on getting Clogging back on track.....

Of course, COVID has caused us to lose a few Clogging Clubs and as well as quite a few Cloggers around the country. Now the ACA Executive along with the Leaders around the country are working hard to re-build clubs and even trying to get a few new classes starting. We are pleased to advise new classes in Ipswich QLD, Tomerong NSW, Bentleigh VIC to name a few, hopefully we have more to come. We have also promoted March as National Clogging month in Australia and encouraged clubs to do demos or start beginners during the month. Fingers crossed we will get some new Cloggers!

Current Membership numbers for the ACA are sitting around 475, when before COVID we had reached 640 at our peak.

Our National Convention in 2022 was held in Queanbeyan and hosted by ACT dancers in September last year. Everyone was so happy to be back dancing with their interstate friends once again. In conjunction to the convention the ACA held their second 'ClogEd' three day educational conference where we had thirty-seven people attend. We had two guest instructors from the USA, Trevor DeWitt and Sheryl Baker who presented along with some of our experienced Australian leaders.

At our National Convention we inducted Jasmine Dawes from WA into our 'Hall of Fame'. Jasmine is our current newsletter editor and has held a number of positions both nationally and on WA convention committees and was a deserving recipient of this honour.

Future Clogging Conventions are being held or planned as follows: 2023 NSW, 2024 WA, 2025 NT.

The ACA is again holding it's Choreography Competition. Each year budding choreographers write routines (there are 2 different level competitions) which are then videoed by one of our instructors. These videos are then posted in the members section of the ACA website for all members to vote on. The winning dance from both levels are then taught at our National Clogging Convention.

Coming up in the next couple of years, our oldest Clogging Club will be turning 40 years old, which is very exciting! The leader of this club, some of you may know, is Edith Sandy and she has run the Moonshine Cloggers in Gympie continuously during this time. In honour and recognition of the dedication and commitment it takes to be instructing and running a club for this long, the ACA executive team has decided to introduce The Edith Sandy Award. This award will be presented to any Leader who has been running a Clogging Club continuously for 40 years.

We would also like to thank the National Square Dance Convention for allowing us a Clogging session and wish you all the best for a fantastic Convention!! Cheers,

Jason Nicholson ACA President

National Convention 2023

Current ANSDC Board List (alphabetically)



Allen Kerr	ACT
Anthea Matthews	WA
Barbara Treharne	VIC
Barry Chandler	TAS
Bev McLachlan	QLD
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Howard Cockburn	VIC
Jason Nicholson	NSW
Kaye Chandler	TAS
Kevin Kelly	WA
Kevin Thomas	VIC
Leanne Nicholson	NSW
Marilyn Van Sambeeck	WA
Michael Davey	VIC
Nev McLachlan	QLD
Richard Muir	WA
Robin Kerr	ACT
Rosalind Todd	NSW
Steven Turner OAM	WA



National Convention 2023





Welcoming all Solo Dancers to Adelaide.

Hope you will have a great Convention with plenty of dance opportunities.

A few handy hints for those who feel a little nervous, especially those attending their first Convention.

Yellow ribbons with the word SOLO with smiley faces, will be available free (from me) for you to wear so other dancers will recognise you are without a dance partner.

There are only short breaks between dance brackets so it's advisable not to sit down for too long, if you want to dance, as standing or slowly moving around will show other dancers you are looking for a dance partner.

The ladies and gents choice brackets are when Solo Dancers don't need to wait to be asked as they, themselves, can ask anyone for a dance.

General Round-ups are where Solo Dancers have no need to hesitate, just join in the appropriate line and, in no time, you will be part of a Square.

Ladies, wearing a sash, can join the men's line in a General Round-up. When the program shows a square-up, Solo Dancers can either walk onto the floor without a partner and join a square with their hand up and allow the marshals to assist in filling the square or they can be the "filler" of a square.

The Convention Program provides a good variety of dance opportunities for Solo Dancers.

The Solo Dress-set is still in need of dancers. The preferred dress for men is black shirt and pants and for women black top and colourful skirt. If you would like to experience being part of the Dress-set Parade on the Saturday evening, please contact me ASAP (0409 457 342) or leave a SMS. I'll be wearing a few SOLO Ribbons on my person, so please come and say Hello.

Wishing all Dancers a fun-filled and happy 2023 Convention.

Eileen Boyd

I can talk to hundreds of people in one day, but nothing compares to the smile I get from only one minute of square dancing.

www.csrds.ca





Thank you to the Adelaide Convention Committee for giving us the opportunity to meet during the convention. The TAWS meeting is scheduled for 12.00pm on Friday 21 April 2023 in the Morella Meeting Room. This is an opportunity for members to meet and present ideas for the future of TAWS.

Although there are many other means of advertising, TAWS continues to provide information to members regarding square and round dance events across Australia. Our website (www.taws.info) and Android app (TAWS) is promptly maintained by Carl Mullan and Karen McCarthy. I thank them on your behalf for their on-going support.

I currently have 272 active email addresses on my distribution list, which is almost identical to the number in my 2022 report. Mailchimp statistics show that an average of 50% to 60% of recipients open their emails. Advertising for state and national conventions generates the most interest with over 60% of members opening their emails.

Since my last report at the Goulburn convention, I have distributed 60 emails which is not a large number in comparison to pre-Covid numbers.

Our cash book balance is \$81.95, the same as at the 2022 meeting in Goulburn. I still have TAWS car stickers available free-of-charge. Happy travels

Graeme Jarman TAWS National Coordinator



TAWS Dressed Set Parade Goulburn 2022





Registration Form, page 1 of 2. Please complete using a black or blue pen, BLOCK LETTERS and TICK APPROPRIATE BOXES. Monday 20 - Friday 24 May 2024 at Marrara Stadium, Darwin 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention

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MONDAY

Daylight Diamonds fortnightly 1-3pm, Plus Level to tapes at Grant Cameron Centre, Mulley St. Holder ACT Enquiries Terry Polleycutt (02) 6288 2453

Kerr-Ly -Q' "Plus/A Level - Once a month 2:00 – 4:00pm at Woden Valley Uniting Church, Curtin." Caller Allen Kerr 0459 250 143

WEDNESDAY

Kerr-Ly-Q's Weekly 7-9.30pm Beginners, MS/Plus. Woden Valley Uniting Church, Cnr. Carruthers & Allan Sts. Curtin. Callers Allen Kerr 0459 250 143 Alannah Smith & Henk Ten Brummelaar (02) 6258 9332 FRIDAY

Moonspinners Round Dance Club Woden Seniors Centre,12 Corinna St. Woden ACT 5.30pm Beginners 7.30pm Club Teacher: Tony McDonald 0411 485 871

SUNDAY

Moonspinners Round Dance Club Teacher: Tony McDonald 0411485 871 2.30pm Intermediate 4pm Advanced

ACT President's Report

The Square Dance Movement is thankfully continuing to chug along in the A.C.T. despite the effects of Covid and ageing considerably undermining "Dance Numbers".

The current dance situation in the A.C.T. is as follows:

* One Caller-run Square Dance Club, "Kerr-Ly-Qs", catering for beginner dancers, Mainstream Dancers, Plus Dancers, Advanced Dancers, and the development of new and younger callers.

* One Tape-run Square Dance Club, "Daylight Diamonds" catering for Plus Dancers.

* One Round Dance Club, "Moonspinners", catering for Advanced Round Dancers.

The A.C.T Square Dance Society

The administrative and supportive role of the A.C.T. Square Dance Society is continuing successfully with an enthusiastic committee dedicated to the goals and ideals of the Square Dance Movement.

Looking to the Future

Kerr-Ly-Qs in partnership with the A.C.T. Square Dance Society have been working towards improving dance numbers. So far, we have only managed to slightly slow the decline. Social Events do appear to have an initial "novelty" effect, but the long- term gain is difficult to determine.

Looking towards a Positive Future

Helen Bates President. ACTSDS Inc.



Introducing the Committee of the 55th Australian National Convention in 2013



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President:- Janice Alexander Ph:- 03 9872 5399 Email:- vca@alphalink.com.au

Victorian Round Dancing Association Inc.

Secretary:- Coral Wegmann Ph:- 0407 814 686 Email:- cozweg@bigpond.com



Square and Round Dance Clubs in Victoria

Day	Time	Area	Club	Address	Level	Caller/Cuer Details
Monday	2-5:30pm	Heatherton	Harlequin Rounds	Sunnyside Lodge, 69 Pietro Rd Heatherton	R PH II-IV	Coral Wegman 0407 814 686
	7:30pm- 9:30pm	Werribee	Kintyre Rounds	Werribee Masonic Centre, 223 Watton Street Werribee	Ph II - Ph IV+	Carol Simondson 0400 354 445
luesday	7:30pm	Narre Warren	Golden Squares	Narre Warren Learning Centre Malcom Crt Narre Warren	MS	Graham Jameson 0427 353 802 Charmaine Jameson
	7pm	Notting Hill	Jaybee Square Wheelers	Notting Hill Hall, 385 Ferntree Gully Rd Notting Hill	7pm-8pm B 8pm-10pm MS –	Mike Davey 03 9590 0550 Laurina Collyer 0430 761 051
	7pm	Forest Hill	Whitehorse	Forest Hill Uniting Church,	R 7pm-8pm B	Con-Alan Bennie 0428 990 873 Janice Alexander 03 9872 5399
Wednesday	7pm-	Moorooduc	Australiana	333 Canterbury Rd Forest Hill Moorooduc Hall, Cnr Derril Rd	8pm – MS P	Jaden Frigo 0400 878 259
	9:30pm 7:00-	Werribee	Crossroads	& Bentons Rd Moorooduc Kelly Park Centre, Synnot St	7pm-8pm B	Howard Cockburn 0417 025 828
	9:30pm 8pm- 10:30pm	MacLeod	Burra Squares	Werribee Open House Christian Involvement Centre 67-71 Strathallan Rd MacLeod	8pm-9:30pm-MS 8pm B	Neil Wynn 0411 735 430
Thursday	7:30pm- 10pm	Frankston	Activ-8's	Church of Christ, 130 Cranbourne Rd Frankston	1 st & 3 rd – M 2 nd & 4 th -P 5 th – M & P	Colin Dandridge 0438 515 873
	8pm	Albert Park	Southern Cross A	Anglican Parish of the Parks Hall, Cnr Bridport St & Ferrars St Albert Park	A1-A2	Howard Cockburn 0417 025 828
	7pm	Glen Waverley	Mike's Plus	Girl Guide Hall, Bogong Ave Glen Waverley	Р	Mike Davey 03 9590 0550
	7:30pm	Heatherton	Sunnyside Lodge Rounds	Sunnyside Lodge, 69 Pietro Rd Heatherton	R PH IV-VI	Phillip Pohle 0425 720 442
	8pm	Maribyrnong	Essendon Square Dance Club	Maribyrnong Community Centre, Randall St Maribyrnong	B Welcome Anytime MS	Hosts: John & Ruth Humphrey 03 9390 8308 Caller: Peter Humphries 03 9701 3354
	7pm- 9:30pm	Paynesville	Eastern 8's	Uniting Church Hall, 45 Langford Pde. Paynesville	MS	Facilitator: Bob Evans 0427 267 652
Friday	7:30pm- 10pm	Albert Park	Sothern Cross Plus	South Melbourne Community Centre, 1 Ferrars PI Albert Park	P F/Nightly	Howard Cockburn 0417 025 828
	10am- 12pm	Moorooduc	Early Birds	Moorooduc Hall, Cnr Derril Rd & Bentons Rd Moorooduc	MS	Jaden Frigo 0400 878 259
	6:30pm- 9pm	Boronia	Panda Rounds	Boronia Progress Hall, 134 Boronia Rd Boronia	6:30pm-7:30pm BR 7:30pm-9pm PH III-IV+	Phillip Pohle 0425 720 442
Saturday	7:00pm	Moorooduc	Australiana	Moorooduc Hall, Cnr Derril Rd & Bentons Rd Moorooduc	7pm – R 7:30pm - M	Jaden Frigo 0400 878 259
	7:30pm	Deer Park	Chemistry Sets	Western Community Alliance Church, 50 Station St Deer Park	B Welcome Any time SSD-MS	Ralph Weise 03 9367 2440
	7:30pm	Heathmont	Kaleidoscope	Heathmont Uniting Church, 89 Canterbury Rd Heathmont	7:30pm – P 8pm – M 1 st , 3 rd , 5 th – P	Janice Alexander 03 9872 5399
Sunday	2pm-6pm	Heatherton	Sunnyside Rounds	Sunnyside Lodge, 69 Pietro Rd Heatherton	R- Ph III-IV 1st, 3rd	Ella Whyte 03 95518496
	10am- 3pm	Rosedale	Rosedale Squares and Rounds	Rosedale Woolshed, 1980 Princess Hwy, 4.2km West of Rosedale	MS – R F/nightly Call to confirm dates	Caller: Janet Cook 0419 363 614
	7pm	Hallam	Casey Squares	Hallam Recreation Reserve Hall – Studio,118-126 Frawley Rd Hallam	MS	Julie MacLean 0498 372 314
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B = Beginners, SSD = Social Square Dance, MS = Mainstream, P = Plus, A = Advanced, R = Rounds

Victoria President's Report

After a couple of years in the wilderness without a State Convention it was good to be able to get back onto the dance floor once again and have a State Convention (thanks COVID!!). A big THANK YOU to Robbie and his hard-working committee along with the V.C.A and R.D.A.V. for putting on a great weekend.

At our A.G.M. on the Sunday morning a motion regarding the frequency of the Dressed Set Parade at future State Conventions was passed after some lengthy discussions offering views both for and against. This means the next Dressed Set Parade will be at the 55th State Convention (2026).

Our A.G.M. also resulted in the election of the new committee for the 2023/24 year. I would like to thank Andrew and the outgoing committee for their time and efforts put in during the last 12 months. The new committee is as follows;

President	Colin Dandridge
Vice President	Robert Borchard
Secretary	Julie Leydon
Treasurer	Glen Cassar

General Committee

Leanne Barron, Ann Dugdale, Rachel Egan, Carmel Sinclair, Andrew Verhoef, Greig Wight

The Sunday night of the Convention also announced the details for the 2024 State Convention. This will be held in SALE over the weekend of the 8th to 11th March. The theme is "Seven Deadly Sins - Good vs Evil".

During the year we have also had Sausage Sizzle BBQ's at Bunnings raising some money which will put towards future Publicity and Promotions projects.

Colin Dandridge V.S.D.A. President



National Convention 2023



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DAY	AREA	CLUB	LEVEL	CALLER		NE (02)
MONDAY	CHARMHAVEN	A1	A1	Bruce Smith	0404	1 069543
	Miranda W'Gong/Coniston Beecroft Sutherland	Knee Deep Squares The Red Barons Southside Rounds Top Cats Rounds	MS/PLUS MS/PLUS Ph 111-IV Ph 11-IV	Chris Froggatt Barry Wonson Ed Coleman Brett Gill	Wendy	9542 3518 4229 4059 0429 900454 0 0415 222150
	TAMWORTH Tamwa	rth Cloverleaf Dancers	Beg/MS	Mal Turnbull	Eileen	0409 457342
TUESDAY	BEECROFT WARRIEWOOD	Hillbillies Newport Ocean Waves I	MS/PLUS MS/PLUS	Steve & Vickie Dec Brian Hotchkies	an Doug	0411751186. 9402 0842
WEDNESDAY	SUTHERLAND CORRIMAL	Top Cats Guys & Dolls	PLUS MS/Plus	Brett Gill Arthur Rae	Wendy	0415222150 0409313185
	EAST HILLS CARDIFF	Wandering Stars Tartan Promenaders	Basic/MS MS/PLUS	David Gibbs Les Heaton	Violet	9798 9374 0421 196163
	SURVEYORS CREEK (Penrith) TOMERONG TUGGERAH WARNERVALE	Panther Squares Sussex/Shoalhaven Pelican Promenaders B-Bar-H	MS MS/PLUS/Rnc Beg/Rounds MS	Maree Huffadine Is Jan Johnson Anne Glazier Brian Hotchkies	96102	2523/4735 2041 4402 9038 0409 938345 4392 0336
THURSDAY	tuggerah Sutherland	Carpenter & Co Top Cats	Basic/MS/PLU Mainstream	JS Gary Carpenter Brett Gill	Wendy	0429 827793 0415 2221 <i>5</i> 0
Daytime	SYDNEY CBD	Wesley Seniors	Mainstream	CD's Daytime		9267 1239
FRIDAY	ALSTONVILLE GLENBROOK JANNALI SUTHERLAND	Summerland Larrikins Mountain Devils Knee Deep Squares Top Cats Squares	MS/Learn PLU MS/PLUS MS MS/intro A	JS Francis McAlister David Todd Chris Froggatt Brett Gill	Linda Wendy	0407 663 017 0411 888515 0421 133518 0415 222150
SATURDAY 2nd 2nd	3 rd BEROWRA KARIONG SUTHERLAND	Classifield A Tumbi Country Top Cats	ADVANCED MS/PLUS MS/PLUS/RN	Brian Hotchkies Brian Hotchkies DS Brett Gill	Ed/Lyr Wendy	nn 0429 900454 4392 0336 0415 2221 <i>5</i> 0
SUNDAY	GULGONG 1 st & 3rd SUTHERLAND TUGGERAH	Outback Squares Top Cats Rounds Pelican Promenaders	Basic/MS Ph 11-IV 50/50Rnds/So	Arthur Johnson Brett Gill qu Anne Glazier	Wendy	0427 633841 0415 222150 43251740
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NSW President's Report

Will 2023 be the year of new opportunities? Where groups are able to adapt to the changes that the previous two years have brought about and move forward with positivity that square and round dancing will begin to grow again.

Many groups have started new dancer programs with positive results. Only time will tell if these new dancers stay for the long haul. From the new dancers that I have spoken to, the common theme, seems to be, how friendly and welcoming the experienced dancers are to those who are just starting.

SARDA NSW was fortunate in securing a NSW government stimulus package to assist groups financially. In 2021 a \$150 and in 2022 a \$200 grant had been made available to group leaders on their return to dancing each year. As a result of this grant we were eligible for a further \$2500 from the NSW government as a Rescue and Restart package. We plan to utilise this package to benefit square and round dancing in NSW.

Our AGM in 2022 was once again held using the Zoom platform enabling members from all over NSW to attend. Promotion was the featured discussion topic and how the state association can best assist their members.

The 42nd NSW State Convention was held in the Blue Mountains over the long weekend in October 2022 with 143 registrations. The convention was opened by long time dancers Ted Thomas and Maureen Fitzgibbon. Fortunately dancers were able to enjoy on-site meals and snacks provided by J and C Catering as the weather on the weekend was wet and cold. Despite the poor weather dancers enjoyed three nights and two days of dancing.

SARDA NSW was pleased to announce Marion and Tedda Brooks being inducted as our newest Life Members in December 2022

Sadly, however, we lost Kit Spalding who turned 101 in November last year and Mavis Schwarze. Both ladies had made significant contributions to square and round dancing in NSW over many, many years and will be greatly missed.

This year SARDA NSW have events planned for July at Shell Harbour celebrating Mavis, September the State Convention in Ulladulla and a New Year's Eve Dance on the Central Coast.

The theme for the state Convention is Heroes have set us free for dancing and fun in Ulladulla'23.

What will our activity look like in the future? Experts believe that social connectedness in the world after the pandemic may well play an important role in mental health and well-being. This could provide square & round dancing with a point of difference to encourage new dancers to give square & round dancing a try. After all it is the perfect activity to provide social connectedness, as well as physical and cognitive activity.

David Todd President







Day and Night Let's Make it Bright Goulburn 2022







Service to NSW Convention Awards Ed Coleman, Leanne & Jason Nicholson, Gary & Carole Carpenter Absent: John Carpenter

42nd NSW Square & Round Dance Convention 2022

Left: Maureen Fitzgibbon & Ted Thomas Below: **Callers & Cuers a**t the 43rd NSW Convention



National Convention 2023



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President: Elaine Davis Secretary: Sue Mackley qca.secretary@gmail.com

METRC	POLITAN SQUAF	RES			
DAY	AREA	CLUB	LEVEL	CALLER	PHONE (07)
MON	Deception Bay	Upbeat Ch.a.o.s	Р	Glenn Wilson	0413 017 778
	Ipswich CBD	Town & Country Squares	B/M/P	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
TUES	Alexandra Hills	Gumdale Grandsliders	M/P	Alan Evans	3800 1270
	Brisbane CBD	50+ Centre	B/M/P	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
WED	Stafford	Wavell Whirlaways	M/P	Sid Leighton	0418 724 636
	Graceville	Uniting Squares Day	B/M	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
	Oxley 2 nd &4 th	Uniting Squares	А	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
THUR	Zillmere	Northside Promenaders	M/S/P	Glenn Wilson	0413 017 778
	Crestmead	Logan City Dancers	А	Alan Evans	0405 316 469
FRI	Ipswich	Town & Country Squares	M/P	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
	Crestmead	Alan Allemanders	M/P	Alan Evans	3800 1270
SAT	Crestmead	Logan City Dancers	Μ	Guest Caller	0405 316 469
SUN	Graceville 1 st &3 rd	Kay's Plus	P/A	Kay Walker	0419 717 520
	Caboolture	E.Z. Squares	M/P	Elaine Davis	5496 7471
		COUNTRY/REGI	ONAL SQL	JARES	
MON	Buderim	Suncoasters	Р	Nev McLachlan	0417 729 263
	Buderim	Kangaroo Kapers	M/P	Robin Weltevreden	0418 750 239
TUES	Buderim	Suncoasters	B/M	Nev McLachlan	0417 729 263
WED	Hervey Bay	Hervey Bay S.D. Club	M/P	Laptop Playlists	0424 949 944
FRI	Bundaberg	Cane Country	R/M/P	Matthew Mills	0418479814,
SAT	Buderim	Kangaroo Kapers	M/P	Robin Weltevreden	0418 750 239
	Buderim	Suncoasters 1st 3rd 5th	R/M	Nev McLachlan	0417 729 263
	Malanda	Waterfall Squares	М	Pre-Recorded	dsmith@c130.a one.net.au di.sinapius@gm ail.com
	Hervey Bay	Stepping Out Hosted by Hervey Bay S.D. Club	В	Laptop Playlists	07 41251614

METROPOLITAN CLOGGING							
TUES	Coorparoo	Chug-A-Lug Cloggers	Basic to Adv	Frances	3391 6526		
THUR Lutwyche Double Jingle Cloggers Basic to Adv Frances 0429851891							
COUNT	RY/REGIONAL R	OUNDS & CLOGGING					
MON	Buderim	Suncoasters Rounds	Lrng II IV	Bev McLachlan	54451238, 0427135442		

Queensland President's Report

In June 2022 I was officially elected to the position of President of the Square Dance Society of Qld. Since this time I have tried to do my best to keep dancing and the Society progressing.

In August we had the State Convention in Buderim. Our first major dance since Covid with around one hundred registrations. What a great weekend! Thank you QCA for running the Convention. Looking forward to this year's State Convention.

The Society sponsored a beginners course that started in August 2022. It started well with five beginners but unfortunately did not end that way.

As a trial the Society ran our Christmas dance in the afternoon instead of evening. Seemed to be a great success with around eighty dancers joining us for a great afternoon of dancing. Lots of comments on how good it was to be getting home before dark.

This year is starting off with a good feeling. Logan City Squares started off with their 19th Anniversary with a weekend of dance with Jaden Frigo calling. Good weekend.

As I write this I am packing to travel to Bundaberg for Cane Country Squares 40th Birthday party. I know this will be a great weekend because this club always does things well.

On The 15th March Wavell Whirlaways Club will be celebrating 54 years of operation.

We will be holding our AGM on 18th March and at this stage can see no changes to committee so no changes to emails etc.

Looking forward to meeting people at the National Convention soon.

Cheers, June Lambert President Square Dance Society QLD INC





SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIARY

The South Australian Square Dance Society Inc.

President: Murray Dempsey

Monday WEST CROYDON MT GAMBIER	Adelaide Outlaws Pine City Twirlers	MS MS	Graham Elliott CD's	8353 1749 8725 7524
Tuesday KADINA MAGILL PT. NOARLUNGA	Yorke Promenaders Kannella Squares Sunset Twirlers	MS C/A/PLUS MS	Peter Scott Jeff Seidel Les Tulloch	0419 864 748 8263 5023 0484 233 826
Wednesday KILBURN STURT SALISBURY	Adelaide Outlaws Sunset Twirlers Diggers Two	PLUS RNDS PH 4-6 LEARNERS	Graham Elliott Les & Anne Tulloch Peter Scott	8353 1749 0484 233 826 0419 864 748
Thursday PT. NOARLUNGA SALISBURY	Sunset Twirlers Diggers Delights	PLUS MS	Les Tulloch Peter Scott	0484 233 826 0419 864 748
Friday COLLINSWOOD EVANSTON GARDENS MAGILL MT GAMBIER NARACOORTE VICTOR HARBOUR	T & T Rounds Scoot Back Squares Wild Frontier Pine City Twirlers Acey Squares Paddle Steamers	RNDS PH 4-5 MS MS BEG/MS MS MS	Thelma McCue Ian Rutter Jeff Seidel CD's CD's Guest Callers	8261 8128 0408 964 466 8263 5023 0438 420 615 0417 820 134 8552 3879
Sunday COLLINSWOOD STURT	T & T Rounds Sunset Twirlers	RNDS BEG/ PH RNDS PH 2-4	l 2-4 Thelma McCue Les & Anne Tulloch	8261 8128 0484 233 826





South Australia President's Report

Well, it's that time again for the National and I'm trying to think what has happened in South Australia or that is coming up this year for Adelaide.

Wild Frontiers have just past an incredible milestone of 50 years, during that time they have had Jeff Seidel as their caller a huge feat, fifty years of dancing to the one caller. An incredible achievement by anyone's standards, well done Wild Frontiers and Jeff Seidel, well done indeed.

South Australian Square Dance Society has also turned fifty year this year and will be celebrating on Saturday September 23rd at the Echunga Memorial Institute. It will be a GOLD THEME celebration. All financial members will be given FREE entry in to the party whilst non members will pay \$15 each. To make it easier for all members of all ages to attend it will be a daytime event. Followed by Adelaide Outlaws birthday on Monday 25th September so why not make the most of it and stay for both events.

This year SASDS 46th State Convention will be held on August 25th,26th, and 27th at the Echunga Memorial Institute, the theme is GERMAN CULTURE to celebrate the local German culture and history and the guest caller will be Matthew Mills all the way from Bundaberg Queensland. We are looking forward to hosting Matthew for the event this year.

Murray Dempsey President SASDS





SQUARE DANCE SOCIETY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC...

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METROPOLITAN SQUARES & ROUNDS

Day	Area	Club	Level	Caller	Phone (08)
MON	Shenton Park	Cloverwest	MS	Andy Colvin	9247 3818
	Como	Kiwilers	Plus	Richard Muir	9474 5485
	Bentley	Riverside	MS	Trish Holloway	9451 4074
TUES	Hamersley	Greenfinches	MS	Steve Turner	0417 092 928
	Gosnells	Ups 'N' Downers	MS	Keith Lethbridge/Tris	sh Holloway
WED	Joondanna	Dianella Rangers	MS	Jeff Van Sambeeck	0407 082 709
THURS	Como	Kiwilers	Adv	Richard Muir	9474 5485
	White Gum Valley	White Gum Valley	MS Rds	D.Gauci/ R Henley	:9457 8132
FRI	Eden Hill	Happy Wanderers	MS	Kevin Kelly	9379 2590
	Como	Kiwilers	MS & Rds	Richard Muir	9474 5485
	Ellenbrook,	Swan Valley Squares	MS	Greg Fawell	0417 912241
SAT	Floreat	Northern Stars	MS & Plus	Richard Muir &	
				Jim Buckingham	94052078
	Bassendean	P & R Rounds	Beg/Phll	Alan Eades	0448 794940
SUN	Kallaroo	Allemanders Sqs	MS& Plus	Jim Buckingham	9305 8685
COUN	ITRY SQUARES				
MON	Bunbury	Bunbury Sq Dancers	MS, learn	ing Plus	9795 8557
	, Mandurah	Dolphin Dancers	MS	Rew Whittington	Joy 0487 243 051
	Wongan Hills	Wheatbelt Squares	MS	Robert Dew	, 9620 1234
WED	Bunbury	Jay Gees	MS, Plus	Jeff Garbutt	9725 8432
SAT	, Gidgegannup	Gidgegannup	MS	Ken Pike	9621 1481
2nd,4th					
COUN	ITRY LINE DAN	CE CLUBS			
TUES	Northam	Northam Linedancer	s Easy/Int	Ute Dymnicki.	0407 993 036





WA President's Report

The second half of 2022 saw many of the Western Australian clubs returning to a somewhat normal format. Although numbers were notably down it was great to see that the dancers were once again enjoying square dancing, whilst keeping COVID-19 protocols. The most common decorations at club dances were a variety of masks, along with hand sanitiser in different container shapes and sizes, some were pleasant and other not so.

After forty-three years of fun and great dancing we sadly saw Melody Square and Round Dance Club close. Thank you, Bruce and Debra Gillett, for your years of commitment to square and round dancing.

What a terrific State Festival we had over the weekend of 17-18 September 2022. Over 140 dancers registered with each session being well supported. Our callers and cuers were well represented and as usual were first rate. The floral arrangements using bicycle wheels were very effective and set up the Festival's flower theme very effectively. The enthusiasm of the dancers throughout the Festival was tremendous to see and we received many positive comments. Lastly, we cannot forget the efforts of the clubs in decorating their flower pots; these were outstanding.

Club held Christmas dances were plentiful, with many beautifully decorated halls, and dancers also dressing according. Lots of dancing, fun and festivity was had by all.

It was with sadness that we learnt of the passing of Grace Lovell in late December at the age of 101½ years. Grace was a Life Member of the Society. She was Society Secretary from 1981 to 1989, a member of the Society Functions Committee from 1982 to 1985. Grace will be missed by many.

2023 got off to a great start with the Let's Start 2023 with a Square Dance on 22nd January. Just under one hundred dancers came along to the Midland Town Hall for a great afternoon of dancing. Although the weather was hot and sticky, and the hall's airconditioning struggled it did not put off the enthusiasm of those attending.

What a surprise when Australia Day 2023 honours were announced. On behalf of all WA dancers, we congratulate Steve Turner on being award the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia in the General Division for his service to square dance. Well deserved.

Robert Dew PRESIDENT





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National Convention 2023

Dancers Interest Meeting Agenda

Date : 9.30 a.m. 23 April 2023 Venue : Hall 3

1. Welcome & Introduction of Chairman

2 Apologies

3 **Confirmation of the minutes** from the 62nd Australian National Square Dance Convention DIM held in Goulburn NSW 2022

4 Business arising from those minutes

5 Correspondence

6 State Reports

a. ACT

- b. New South Wales
- c. Queensland d. South Australia
- e. Tasmanian f. Western Australia
- g. Victoria. h. Any others
- i. TAWS (Travelling Australia with Squaredancers)
- 7. Report from the 62nd ANSDC Goulburn (including Financial Statement)
- 8. Report from Australian Round Dance Association (ARDA)
- 9 Report from Australian Callers Federation (ACF)
- 10 **Report from National Square Dance Society of Australia Inc.(NSDSA)** (including the Australian Square Dance Review)
- 11 Report from Australian Clogging Association (ACA)

12 **Report from Australian National Square Dance Convention Board Inc (ANSDCB)** including the result of bidding for the 66th Australian National Square Dance Convention 2026.

13 Confirmation Report and introduction of the Convenor for the 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention 2024, Darwin (NT)

14 Confirmation Report and introduction of the Convenor for the 65th Australian National Square Dance Convention 2025, Morayfield (QLD)

15 Introduction of the spokesperson and report for the 66th ANSDC.

- 16 Special Business (of which notice has been given)
- 17 General Business

18 Closing Address

The Chairman of the DIM has indicated that he will allow only one speaker for each report and will only accept questions relevant to those reports. For the benefit of the Archives Secretary, all reports must be in writing with a hard copy handed to the Convention Secretary at the DIM

Minutes Of The Dancers Interest Meeting

62nd Australian National Square Dance Convention, Goulburn 24 April 2022 The Bright Arena

1.Meeting opened at 9.31am Board Chairman Nev McLachlan welcomed all to the meeting and asked those Board Members present to stand. Chairman Nev explained the reason for this meeting. He also explained that the ANSDC Board does not dictate State or club activities or operations. The Board sets procedures for the operation of Australian National Square Dance Conventions.

J Nicholson advised that some positive cases of COVID-19 had been recorded by some attendees at the convention and that an email had been forwarded, this morning, to all those registered to attend this convention.

2. Attendance & Apologies: As per the signed Attendance Book, 50 attendees, 11 apologies. The Chairman advised that he will not be taking apologies from the floor and asked that those who did ask for their apologies to be notarised be entered in the Attendance Book. It was a shame not all could attend but their concerns and reasons were their own and respected.

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 60th ANSDC DIM held in Deloraine Tasmania 2019. It was noted that not all reports were notarised in the Minutes.

Moved B Chandler seconded K Thomas "that the Minutes as published in the 62nd Australian National Square Dance Convention Review Special Edition page numbers 26-34 be accepted" CARRIED.

4. Business arising from these minutes to be deferred to General Business.

5. Correspondence: no correspondence relevant to this meeting.

Please be advised that the following reports were published in the 62nd Australian National Square Dance Convention Special Edition Review. The appropriate page number is written beside the report. Also National Bodies held meetings at this Convention therefore there may be updates to the reports published in the Special Edition Review

6. State Reports

a. ACT page 15

- b. New South Wales Page 19 and 21
- c. Queensland Page 21
- d. South Australia Page 23 f. Western Australia Page 25
- e. Tasmanian Page 16

g. Victoria. No report submitted from Victoria as they felt nothing had happened in the last two years.

Other Reports

Solo Dancers Page 14 E. Boyd NSW thanked those who participated in the dressed set for Solo Dancers and then moved her report be accepted seconded by B Cockburn VIC CARRIED.

(Comment from floor – funny that they entered the dressed set parade as couples) TAWS (Travelling Australia with Squaredancers) page 13 A note from G Jarman NSW

that it was felt that TAWS are still providing a service and whilst this continues so will TAWS. It was also advised that a Caravan Park had been found for the Adelaide Convention and bookings had been made already. New stickers were now available.

Chairman Nev appreciated all that is done by TAWS with regards to the promotion of events of our activity.

Moved G Carpenter NSW that the reports listed be accepted seconded J Nicholson NSW CARRIED

7. Report from the 60th ANSDC – Deloraine (including Financial Statement). This report was presented by Past Convenor B Chandler. A precis of the report was read and Barry advised that after 3 years he was happy to hand over the final report. B Chandler TAS then moved that the report be accepted seconded by P Ashton TAS CARRIED

8. Report from the 61st ANSDC – Blue Mountains (including Financial Statement) Past Convenor R Todd read the report and then moved for its acceptance seconded by K McCarthy NSW CARRIED.

C JAMESON VIC asked why the surplus money from this event went back to the NSW Society and not to the Board. Response - Convention Committee submit where they would prefer their surplus to be given and the Board either approves or disapproves of the disbursement.

9. Report from Australian Round Dance Association (ARDA) ${\tt page}~10$

Retiring President W Armstrong QLD presented the following update:- ARDA's Conference held prior to this national included ZOOM sessions involving Overseas participants, Currently 57 member units. Unfortunately three clubs have gone into forced retirement

New President C Heyworth Qld and H Hodajl will take on the role of VP for the next 12 months. Pat Mori from WA has passed away, Thelma McCue SA now 90 and still running her club, Dorothy Ranger and Laurie Farleigh received their 20-year certificates, more awards to be presented tonight W Armstrong Qld moved that his total report be accepted seconded N Brown Qld CARRIED

10. Report from Australian Callers Federation (ACF)

President H Cockburn VIC presented his report (copy attached) and then moved for its acceptance. Seconded by G Carpenter NSW CARRIED

11. Report from National Square Dance Society of Australia Inc.(NSDSA)

(including the Australian Square Dance Review) page 11 Current President R Todd NSW presented her report promoting the difference between the National Society and the Board. She formally acknowledged the work done by retiring President K Thomas VIC and the work that he does with the National Society website. Rosalind also advised the promotional resources available on the website and advise that they are free to use. Radio advertisements must be used for radio.

Minutes Of The Dancers Interest Meeting Continued

11. Report from National Square Dance Society of Australia Inc.(NSDSA)

Roll of Honour nominations to go to the National Society from their State Representatives. Square Dance Day – suggested we promote the last Sunday in February . R Todd NSW then moved her report be accepted Seconded by C JAMESON VIC CARRIED.

J Nicholson (NSW) advised that ads for radio are generally free if used for Community Radio Stations To promote Square Dance Day try and book a BBQ at Bunnings

K Thomas VIC – thanked Ros for her kind words and advise of unfinished business – Roll of Honour presentation. This will be presented to Roslyn Burrett NSW

12. Report from Australian Clogging Association (ACA) $\mathsf{Page}\ 12\ \&\ 13$

President J Nicholson NSW advised of ZOOM sessions for intro to clogging. National convention to be held September 2022 and possibly a National in NSW in 2023 J Nicholson then moved that his report be accepted seconded C Carpenter NSW CARRIED

13. Report from Australian National Square Dance Convention Board Inc (ANSDCB).

This report was presented by Chairman Nev McLachlan. He then moved for its acceptance and seconded by B Cockburn VIC CARRIED

14. Confirmation Report and introduction of the Convenor for the 63rd Australian National Square Dance Convention 2023, Adelaide (SA)

In the absence of Convenor Graham Elliott SA a precis of the report was presented by Chairman Nev. The report was carried by acclamation. K McCarthy SA advised that to date 85 registrations had been received and that the booth would be open tonight between 7 pm and 8 pm to give dancers the opportunity to register and be in the draw for a refund of their dance ticket.

15. Confirmation Report and introduction of the Convenor for the 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention 2024, Darwin (NT)

In the absence of Convenor Marilyn VanSambeeck WA M Davey VIC presented this report This report was carried by acclamation.

Questions which followed:-

J Nicholson NSW – would online registration be an option = Yes online registrations will be available after the Adelaide convention

D Craine NSW – why Monday – Friday = more time to travel.

L Nicholson NSW - mid week could be tricky to get time off.

16. Confirmation Report and introduction of the Convenor for the 65th Australian National Square Dance Convention 2025, Queensland (QLD)

Convenor for this event Nev McLachlan read the report. It was seconded by G Carpenter NSW carried.

17. Special Business (of which notice has been given)

a) Dress Code Oversight by the Board – it was approved over two years ago but never advertised – no convention to promote it at. If comments on this revised Dress Code, please submit them on the Survey form. L Nicholson NSW spoke about the new code and requested that feedback be given please.

G Carpenter NSW – very happy with the new code – short sleeve shirts for day time sessions.

Future Conventions (Intention to Bid)

The Chairman spoke on this list and its basis so that the Board is aware of who intends to bid e.g. if no bid is hinted then the Board can be proactive to make sure there is one and preferably a list particularly if areas have a special date to work with. B Cockburn VIC asked who can put in a bid and then how it goes from there. Suggestion was that if interested in placing an intention to Bid that contact be made with an ANSDC Board member and the complete details can be given.

Precis as follows from the Operations Manual

[It is recommended that before any Bid be made by an Area, the intention to Bid should be advertised and a meeting of local Square Dance Clubs be held to ascertain the capability of Dancers in that Area to hold such a Convention. In this respect, depending on the location of the area, it can be anticipated that a National Square Dance Convention may attract between 400- 1,200 delegates. In this initial instance a Spokesperson is appointed to submit the Bid. In effect, this means the dancers and/ or Callers of the Area form a committee to make a presentation to the Board. It is recommended that the Spokesperson for the proposed Convention should seek the co-operation of all dancers in the area and shall ensure that all square dance groups, clubs and callers are aware of the Public Meeting beforehand.] B Chandler TAS advised that once a committee is elected, they become a sub- committee of the Board and operate under the Manual for the Operations of Australian National Square Dance Conventions. The Chairman advised that the Darwin committee was made up from individuals and not a State presentation. Suggested take advantage of State Bodies to help in organizing the event. Also talk to Board Members to get advice and history etc.

18. General Business

i) R Todd NSW

a) Thanked the 62nd ANSDC Committee for organising this convention.

b) The Australian Square Dance Review is a quarterly magazine – subscribe to the National Society. Please send photos to Rosalind for the magazine.

c) National Society Webpage is managed by Kevin Thomas VIC and the Conventions Archive Officer is Barbara Treharne

d) Attendees at the DIM are the ambassadors for square dancing.

ii) J Nicholson (NSW)

a) dressed sets parade needs more clubs to participate

b) this is the time to ask questions about National Conventions $_{\text{Page 34}}$

General Business Continued

i) C JAMESON VIC registered early and then had to pull out later. Wondered if there could be more ease with getting onto the programme after closing dates. Understands about deadlines but questioned if late registrations still can be accepted/considered for the programme. H Cockburn VIC Programme Manager for this convention. Advised that the programme for the national is a major task with many timelines that need to be adhered to and the process for formatting the programme. Callers also place stipulations on when they are and are not available to call.

J Nicholson NSW suggested register early and then pull out later.

L Nicholson NSW the programme for this convention was to have been finalised by the end of January but with the effects of COVID-19, Callers were withdrawing etc. In total 12 callers pulled out and that had a major effect on the programme – results the afternoon sessions were reduced in time. Programming is an art and a lot more involved than many realise.

B Hotchkies NSW there is a reason for cut off dates. If late you need to accept you are not on the programme. Responsibility works both ways.

iv) E Boyd NSW asked if it is possible to ZOOM the convention and spoke on Autograph Books for people to collect signatures of callers with a badge awarded for a certain number of signatures.

J Alexander VIC not in favour of this, she does not classify herself as a celebrity.

B Hotchkies NSW – Autograph Book is used O/S and the USA Not good when you find 100 books waiting on the end of the stage to be signed.

v) C JAMESON VIC – feels it is preferable to hold National Conventions in an area where there is/are actual square dance club which could benefit.

N McLachlan (Qld) spoke about Regional areas.

L Nicholson (NSW) spoke about peoples record for attending Nationals broken when things change re running of Nationals e.g. days.

B McLachlan (QLD) spoke on her record for continued attendance being broken when Nationals changed from Capital Cities to Regional areas where daily flights were not available.

vi) K Thomas VIC spoke about past copies of the "The Australian Square Dance Review" previously the South Pacific Square Dance Reviews. He and Adrian Brown were in the process of scanning these old copies but unfortunately these copies were lost. If dancers have old copies could they please look at the National Society Webpage [URL: http:// www.squaredanceaustralia.org] to get a list of the missing dates. Approximately 45 are missing. G Hearne NSW advised that the Mitchell Library should have copies. R Todd NSW confirmed that they have a complete set, but K Thomas VIC advised the difficulty in

getting a copy from them. **Closing Address** There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12 noon with thanks to the Chair, the Committee of the 62nd ANSDC and Jason Nicholson for not making this a dim meeting with the board chair.

Australian National Conventions







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63rd Australian National Square Dance Convention 20-24th April 2023 Gardens Recreation Centre, Cnr Kings and Martins Roads, Parafield Gardens, SA Adelaide Convenor: Graham Elliott 64th Australian Square Dance Convention 20 -24th May 2024 Darwin Convenor: Marilyn Van Sambeeck 65th Australian Square Dance Convention 7th-25th July 2025 Morayfield Queensland Convenor: Nev McLachlan

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When a dancer goes down, a second dancer attends him/her.

Remaining couples join hands and take a
 step backward. This will allow the injured person and attendant air and room.

Raise joined hands as high as possible in the form of an arched circle.

On seeing this signal, the caller or hall monitor will immediately place an Emergency Call for Medical Aid.

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